L'Edge

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A group of delegates gives and impromptu performance to amuse other delegates waiting to get into the Convention Centre.

NCYC'95
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NCYC '95 MISSION STATEMENT

"To construct a community which so reflects the Kingdom of God that people will be changed."

The raw truth of prison life

by IAN TELFER

SOME of us had been on the road for three days. We expected something unusual, but not to be confronted by a man with a rubber glove on his hand telling us to strip for a search.

It was part of the admission procedure for the Gaol Community.

The 65 people staying in the gaol will hear stories from ex-missionaries, prison chaplains, and other people working in the justice system.

We are sleeping in the cells and, from our short time there, we have begun to experience the reality of being locked up there for 16 hours a day.

We spent Monday morning with ex-offenders, two of whom spent time in the Adelaide Gaol (which closed in 1988) itself.

It was challenging to be confronted by the raw truth of prison life, and attempts to deal with the aftermath.

We want this experience to continue to challenge us and break down some of our stereotypes about life behind bars.

At the end of the week it is hoped that the group will use their experience in actions related to issues of imprisonment.

Weather... today max 34 min 21, remaining hot for the week
Dave's prediction: Townsville, Qld: heavy snow, chains advised for all vehicles

3.30 - 4.45pm
Doors open 3.20pm
Lecture theatre, Building O
(Charlie's Retreat)
Should I or should'nt I?
Sex before marriage - guilt or release?
(Should Christians have sex before marriage?)
HOT HOUSE

Letters to The Editor

LETTERS to the Editor

can be delivered to the L'Edge team via

the submission boxes at the Convention

Centre (Merchandise Stand) and Scotch

College (L'Edgends information office).

They should be approximately

200 words long.

Dear Ed

THE recent federal government decision to renew and expand the level of woodchipping in Australia has many people angry. The Earth Team of the Uniting Church (Victorian Synod) shares this anger with you.

Look for the Earth Team's stand at the Mission Mart each day during NCYC, or chat to Mark Collard, ET Chairperson, as he wanders about the Convention. Learn about what the Earth Team is doing to keep "green" issues on the agenda of the Uniting Church.

But most importantly — sign the petition which will be sent to Paul Keating to encourage him to stop woodchipping native growth and high conservation value areas of Australia. If we can get everyone at NCYC to sign this petition, this will send a very clear and **loud** message to the federal government that their recent decision is environmental vandalism.

Put your faith into action: save our forests — support the Earth Team and sign the petition!

The Earth Team
Victorian Synod

To the L'Edge Team

WELL, actually, this is to just one member of the L'Edge team — David Gardiner. It's not that we don't like you, Dave — but we do have one request.

Please refrain from playing Ernie and Bert's *Rubber Duckie* at 1 am. We work better when you don't sing along to your Jim Henson collection in the wee hours of the morning.

The rest of the L'Edge Team
Scotch College

Dear L'Eds

WOW! What can I say? We are finally here. So are sooooo many people to meet — and so many things to do. I don't think that anything I've been told could prepare me for the sight of so many Christians.

The food's not bad, company great and weather fantastic! What more could you ask for? (well apart from free bottled rain water).

Anyway, I hope that this week is as enjoyable for everyone else as I know it will be fore me.

Kez
Lincoln College

NOTICES

Attention: Delegates

This is a reminder that
ELECTIVE TF 274
Creative Uses
of Theatre Technology
starts promptly at 1.30 pm.
No late comers will be admitted after 1.35 pm.

Money Money Money

WE'RE running a special bus service if you need to go to a bank.

Places are limited — to reserve a seat on the bus go to the L'Edgends Information Office at lunchtime on the day you wish to go to the bank.

Service times:
Tuesday, January 10, 3.30 pm.
Wednesday, January 11, 1.30 pm.
Thursday, January 12. 3.30 pm.

Please note: The buses will be leaving promptly at those times from the front gate. (You may have to leave your elective early.)

On Tuesday and Thursday this service will drop you at the Convention Centre. Overseas delegates wishing to cash travellers cheques must bring their passport as identification.

Attention: Bus Drivers

ALL people who drove a coach or minibus to NCYC **must** contact the Transport Task Group ASAP. (**Especially** if we are using your vehicle during the week.)

Ask at the Information Centre for Drew Ames or Kevin Hayley and state that you are a driver.

Please contact us before the Tuesday dinner transfer (4.30 pm).

Lay Ministry Assistant - Youth Work

You like working with ankle-biters and their older brothers & sisters. You're tired of the city push, but want to be near a University. You're enthusiastic and eager to share the Christian faith. You want to inspire teachers, leaders and Parishes in Youth Work and like working in teams. You want part-time work to allow time for your own life. Have we got a job for you at Wagga Wagga Uniting Church!

Lay ministry Assistant — Youth Work
Up to 19 hours per week to complement our present part time Lay Ministry Assistant, Rhys Bailey

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See Rhys & Stephen Wilson at NCYC or contact —
Lay Ministry Assistant, PO Box 609, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650
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TRANSPORT TIMETABLE

Tuesday January 10

Scotch College to Convention Centre

Allow 20 minutes to walk down Blythwood Road to Torrens Park Railway station. If you want to be served first for dinner, catch a early train!

Departure times:
4.35 pm,
4.50 pm,
5.05 pm,
5.20 pm.

TransAdelaide

What's on?

Overseas Delegate Space

WANTING to meet new friends and learn about different cultures? Then visit the Overseas Delegates Space.

The Overseas Delegates Space is a place for people from overseas to chat and share experiences with others.

It is open each afternoon at Scotch College.

Aboriginal Space

IF LEARNING about Indigenous Australian culture then the Aboriginal Space may be exactly what you are looking for.

The Aboriginal Space is an unstructured meeting place where all cultures can meet to learn about Aboriginal culture. Aboriginal performers, story tellers and speakers will make appearances at different times.

It is open lunch times and late afternoons at Scotch College.

Hanging by a Thread

FEELING creative? Then come and let your creative juices flow. Come and try paper making, painting, collage, an much more.

Or come and see professional photographer, Don Brice, lead a discussion of the meaning, place and purpose of art. Don will be in the Hanging by a Thread space at Scotch College from 3.45 to 4.30 pm.

Mission Mart

MISSION Mart is a expo of opportunities for mission and service. It provides a great chance for you to explore some of the ways you can serve God.

If you want to be challenged and taken to the edge, then visit the Mission Mart. Open daily at Scotch.

The Prayer Place

WANTING to take time out and listen to God or simply want to pray for your friends, world peace and justice? Then why not visit the Prayer Place.

The Prayer Place is located at Scotch College. It is open lunchtime and from 3.30 to 5 pm each day.

The Edge Hog Shop

DO YOU want to look cool at NCYC? Then visit The Edge Hog Shop. They will be able to supply you with everything you need to look the part at NCYC.

Or if you want to write home or to the L'Edge team, but have run out of stationery, then don't fear. The Edge Hog Shop will also be able to help you.

It is open daily at Scotch College and at the Convention Centre.

Crossbow Books

LOOKING for something interesting to read? Then visit Crossbow Books.

L'EDS

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Nightlife

by MEGAN KIRK

NCYC productions are proud to present a Nightlife program that is guaranteed to entertain you.

The Nightlife program, held on Tuesday and Thursday nights after the rallies, will give you an opportunity to be entertained by a wide variety of artists from all over Australia.

Artists performing are considered to be the best Christian artists.

Events offered range from clown acts, mine act, poetry performers and rock bands to dance parties.

The Nightlife program begins at 9 pm after the evening rallies, unless otherwise indicated. There are 12 events to choose from, but don't worry if you can't get to them all in one night. The same program will be offered again on Thursday, expect for a few alterations to the Theatre Caf and Eddie's Late Show.

Bus Tours

If you are not sick of buses by now, then why not consider one of the 90 minute nightlife bus tours with at twist. But remember, places are limited.

You need to be at the Nightlife Tours bus stop early after the evening rally on Tuesday night. All tours cost $5, which includes a drink and chocolates.

There are three tours to choose from. Don't be disappointed if you don't get to go on any of these tours on Tuesday, as they will be offered again on Thursday.

1. *Cruising the Night:* If you like an element of surprise then this mystery tour is for you. This bus tour will show you around Adelaide and give you an opportunity to meet the locals and see the sights.

2. *Exploring the Night:* This is a ecumenical tour, which will show you why Adelaide is called the city of churches. Churches from various denominations will be viewed.

3. *Storming the Night:* You want to see Adelaide from the bottom up — and you are not claustrophobic? Then the *Storming the Night* bus tour may be for you. This tour will involve a little suburban caving under the streets of Adelaide.

To make bookings for this tour leave your name at the table in the entrance to the meals area in the Exhibition Hall. Be quick as places are limited.

Other Events

1. *Dance Party:* Feeling a little funky? Then why not head over to the Convention Centre for an enormous Dance Party. Be quick, the fun starts at 9.30 pm.

2. *Lion Court Yard:* Wanting to hear some blues funk and rock? Then head to the Lion Court Yard, North Terrace, to hear blues singer Steve Apirana and rock, funk and groove band the Happy Chaps.

Hot Donuts and popcorn will be on sale.

3. *Exposing the Night: Exposing the Night* is an assortment of performing artists. Artists include Trish Watts on piano, Rahat Khan and Jonathon Raffe providing poetry with a difference and Mark Pearse making clay masterpieces while telling amazing stories. This will be performed in the Lion Bar, North Terrace.

While there, why not grab Hot Chips, dixie ice-creams and popcorn?

4. *WortsanAll!* Why not sit down and be entertained by Adelaide's premiere drama company, The Company of Sinners? They will perform a 40 minute drama called *WortsanAll*. The performance begins at 9.25 in the Lion Theatre.

And to get the full theatre atmosphere, Jaffas and Maltesers will be on sale, the ideal theatre food.

5. *Daniel at the Lion: Daniel at the Lion* is a up tempo, loud rock and jazz of allsorts. It will be held in the rehearsal room in the Lion Centre (see maps and signs for directions).

Bruce Mullans allstars will be performing. This is a group of youth workers. Come and see your state youth worker do what they normally do — make fools of themselves. The group is made up of Craig Mitchell, Fuzz Kitto, Jan Dempster, Wendy Sargent, Paul Yarra and Bruce Mullans.

Some of the NCYC band and other artists will also be performing as the *Spatular Boys*. Hot Potato Wedges and Cool Drinks will be on sale.

6. *Eddie's Late Show:* This is a Cabaret, which will be held at the Nexis Theatre. Performing artist's include Steve Grace — Australia's most popular Christian muso, Lorinda Curnow — creative and impressive mime artist and a yet to be named multicultural element.

The Cabaret will take a Steve Vizard, David Letterman and Late Show approach. While there, why not gorge yourself on doorstops, nachos, cakes and spiders?

7. *Under the Bridge:* This event will be literally held under the bridge on North Terrace. You can view a range of street entertainment and busking.

8. *Theatre Caf:* Wanting to be thoroughly entertained? Why not come Holy Trinity to hear popular Christian singer Colin Buchanan and be amused by clowns Rivet and Tuft.

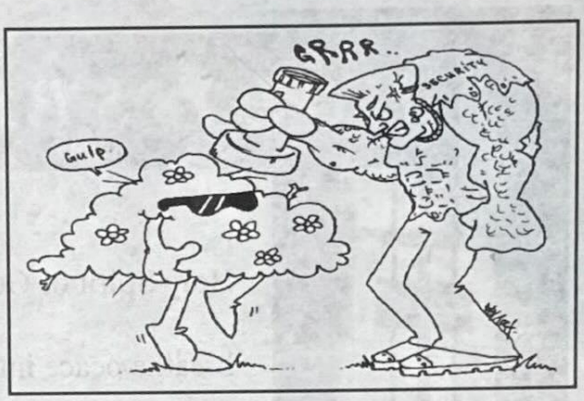
Pizza, Pancakes and ice cream sundaes spectaculars will be available.

9. *Chuckies the Young Ones:* Did you enjoy *The Young Ones* while they were on TV? Then come to Holy Trinity to view the best episodes of the TV comedy *The Young Ones*.

Chocolate mousse and Black Forrest Cake will be on sale.

Under cover

by LISA CHAPMAN



12.40 am — I have arrived at Scotch to do an article on the safety and security task group. They are unaware of my entrance into the grounds. I think that I will get a better and more honest article if I just spy on the team.

I am currently sitting behind some bushes looking at the main buildings — there are still quite a lot of people around the place.

12.50 am — I have been here for 10 minutes now and not only have I not been apprehended, but I haven't seen anyone walking past.

1.05 am — A security officer is about to walk past, I can hear the radio. There is a bit of innuendo on the airways the dialogue is as follows: "Are you going to bed now?" Reply: "Is that an offer?" The security person does a sweep with the torch of the bushes I am hiding in but does not see me. From now on it will be safer to keep moving, so I don't get stuck with no way of escape.

1.15 am — I have followed the security officers upstairs to their office, keeping hidden in the shadows. I can hear *Mission Impossible* music echoing in my ears. The security staff appear to be having a party. On closer inspection it turns out to be a caffeine fill up. They're drinking coffee and coke, and eating chocolate biscuits. Maybe I should quit *L'Edge* and join the security task group. They obviously have better food.

1.30 am — They are still sitting around in the office discussing the technical details of today's security plan. What has already happened, and what will be happening later on. I wonder if they will spend the entire night in their office?

1.45 am — Finally, a call has just come through on the two way radio. The tech team need a door unlocked as quickly as possible. As we pass through the administration building on our way, there is a discussion on the airways about some missing luggage. I'm glad to be on the move again. That floor was really hard.

1.55 am — They have now opened the building and another message has come through on the two way. We're heading for the tuck shop to open the door.

2 am — We're at the tuck shop. One of the security patrol people wants a snack. He buys a Mars Bar and Heaven ice cream (just in case you wanted to know). I am seriously considering joining this task group. They eat so much junk food!

2.10 am — As the security officers walk around in the dark, they sing to keep their spirits up. At the moment they are doing a not half bad version of *Goodnight Sweetheart*. It's pretty lonely out here. I'd join in if I weren't working undercover.

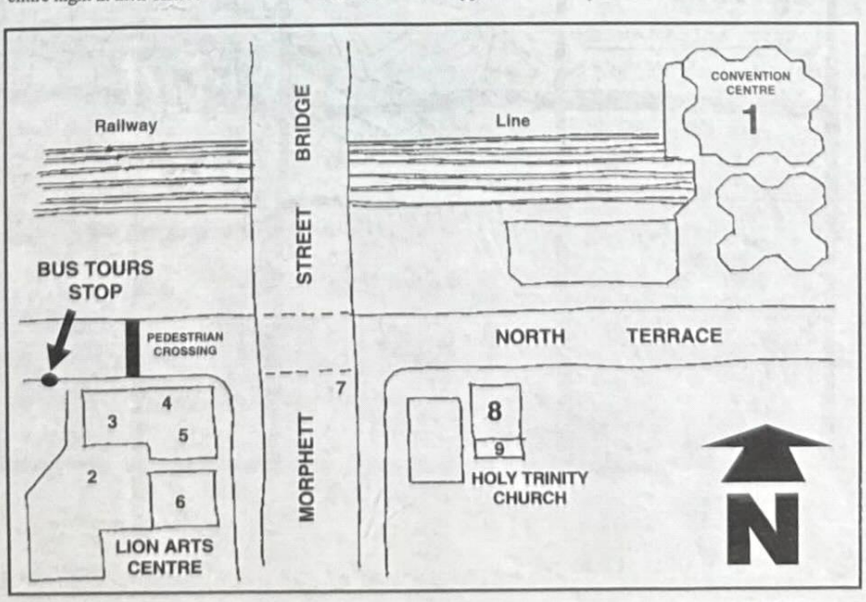
2.20 am — Another message is coming through on the two way. They're heading to the chapel to turn the lights off.

2.22 am — There is a group of security officers standing on the main lawns having a discussion. I am too far away to hear what they are saying from behind this bush. I'll try and get a little closer ... CRASH! ... ouch! I tripped over a rubbish bin.

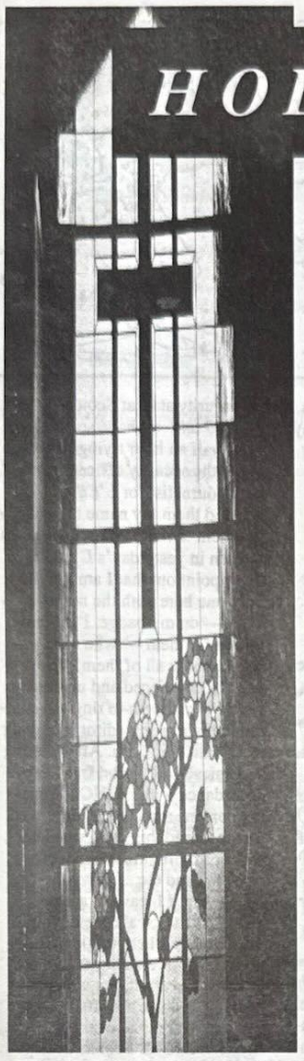
2.23 am — Was apprehended by security staff at Scotch.

2.50 am — I have spent almost half an hour trying to convince the security officers that I am a journalist for *L'Edge*. I showed them my name tag and got them to match it to the articles written in yesterday's *L'Edge*. They point out that I am not the only one here with the name "Lisa— on my badge. I recite the top 10 for them — who else would know all of them? They remain unconvinced and unamused. Finally I get them to ring the community where my editor is staying to explain who I am. After getting a physical description from her in accordance with the NCYC missing persons report (high forehead, low forehead, big ears, small ears, ears protruding from head, ears close to head etc...) they agree to release me if I leave straight away. As they walk me down to the gate I get them to give a brief interview. "We're not registered delegates or anything, we just come in and work shifts," says Gaylene Hore, one of the security directors for Scotch College. "We work 8 hours on, 8 hours off all week."

From what I saw of the security team they were doing a fantastic job. Their role is a fairly unobtrusive one, but they are certainly doing a lot of important work ... so say thanks to them personally if you get a chance, although I don't recommend going undercover like I did. You'll never get them to believe who you are!



HOLY SPIRIT



Holy Spirit of God

breathe peace into my heart

Holy Spirit of God

breathe peace into my mind

Holy Spirit of God

breathe peace into my soul

Inhabit and consume me

Envelop and embrace me

with your peace.

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eddie the edgehog
by SBURT
GUEST APPEARANCE:
MAURICE THE SHAVEN CAT.
G'day! mate my head is spinning!
I'm still getting to know my small group
No he's Bob
I'm John
I'm Sally
EDDIE
I've been feeding my soul and my stomach
EDDIE
I can't wait for the nightlife especially the stormdrain tour...
hi dude!
It'll be just like getting around scotch college at night! Stay cool!
THE END
NOTE: TOO DARK TO SEE THE CAT.
SBURT

top 10

TOP 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE BY NOW

By Lisa Chapman

1. Registered.
2. Located the showers.
3. Used the showers (at least twice!).
4. Worn your nametag.
5. Gone to an elective.
6. Heard Duffy and Caesar speak.
7. Meet heaps of new people.
8. Read a copy of *L'Edge* (well, the Top 10 for a start).
9. Put your tent up / found a bed to sleep in.
10. Slept for at least four hours (excluding security team).

Prayer Points

- FOR the safe arrival of interstate and overseas delegates.
- FOR the development of community and warm atmosphere.
- FOR the energy level of the management team, task group directors, and volunteers.
- FOR Gods Spirit to be with the Bible study and elective leaders. Also for a fruitful discussion in the Hot House this afternoon.
- ALSO for Caesar Molebatsi speaking tonight on the theme, *Community on the Edge.*

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Applications close 20th February 1995.

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